

REMARKS

Claims 12-20 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 12-20 were objected to by a product by process claim.

By the instant amendment, Claim 12 has been amended to overcome the rejection.

Claims 12-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Linn.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that Linn does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including patterning and etching the bottom electrode of the micro-electromechanical switch and resistor lengths from the stack and etching the hard mask and the metal from the patterned resistor length to form the RF switch.

Linn does not relate to a micro-electronical switch or to an RF switch and consequently does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention.


It is respectfully submitted that Claims 12-20 patentably define over the applied art.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

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